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FINAL EXAMINATION

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PGP0022 – INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE (All Sections/Groups)

6 MARCH 2017
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

(2 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENTS

1. This Question Paper consists of **TWO** pages, excluding this cover page, with **FIVE** questions only.
2. Attempt the **COMPULSORY** question in Section A and any **THREE** questions in Section B.
3. Please write all your answers in the Answer Booklet provided.
4. Please be concise in your answers and answer directly the questions that are asked. Points will not be awarded for irrelevant answers. Long answer does not necessarily translate to more marks.

SECTION A

Instructions: This question is compulsory. You are to attempt this question.

QUESTION 1

You have been selected by the United Nation to propose and implement either one of the democratic systems in a new settlement on Mars. What are the main differences between the Parliamentary System, the Presidential System and the Mixed Presidential and Parliamentary System? Describe the major political institutions and the main political offices involved.

(15 marks)

Justify your suggestions by providing relevant rationale.

(10 marks)

(Total 25 marks)

SECTION B

Instructions: You are to choose 3 out of 4 questions in this section.

QUESTION 2

The government of a third-world country has hired you to consult on how to speed up political and economic development. They are interested in considering two options: A. Push political development (move towards democracy). B. Create a free-trade agreement (like TPPA) with the neighboring countries.

(a) What are the advantages and disadvantages of each option?

(15 marks)

(b) Which would you recommend be pursued first? Why?

(10 marks)

(Total 25 marks)

QUESTION 3

In today's pluralistic political systems, political parties are obviously not the only significant force of a democratic system.

(a) Another important element of democracy is pressure group. Define pressure / interest groups, their characteristics, and their types.

(15 marks)

(b) How does an interest / pressure group differ from a political party? Explain.

(10 marks)

(Total 25 marks)

QUESTION 4

Redekop says "Politics, then, refers to all activities whose main purpose is one or more of the following: to reshape or influence governmental structures, or process; to influence or replace governmental office holders; to influence the formation of public policies; to influence the implementation of public policies; to generate public

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awareness of, and response to, governmental, processes, personnel and policies; or to gain a place of influence or power within government” Based on this definition:

- (a) Discuss what are the ways that politics are being manifested in all communities.

(15 marks)

- (b) Describe how politics is transmitted from one generation to another through the process known as political socialisation. Provide an example in which Malaysians are familiar with and highly involved in.

(10 marks)

(Total 25 marks)

QUESTION 5

Throughout the 20th and 21st centuries the world community has tried to facilitate cooperation through international organizations. The predecessor of the existing United Nations was the League of Nations.

- (a) Compare and contrast both organizations, explain the failure of the League of Nations.

(15 marks)

- (b) Explain whether the United Nations is or is not more effective than the League of Nations at preventing aggression?

(10 marks)

(Total 25 marks)

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